

PATENT
450100-02667

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

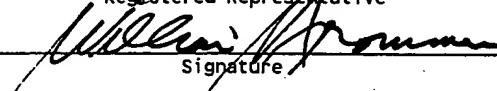
Applicants : Makoto SATO et al.
Serial No. : 09/650,351
Filed : August 29, 2000
For : INFORMATION COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS
Examiner : Min Jung
Art Unit : 2663

745 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10151
Tel. (212) 588-0800

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States
Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 19, 2004

William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506

Name of Applicant, Assignee or
Registered Representative



Signature

May 19, 2004

Date of Signature

PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)
requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement
filed herewith after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, mailed
April 20, 2004.

PATENT
450100-02667

This Information Disclosure Statement lists prior art that has come to the attention of applicants by being cited in a Search Report issued in the corresponding European application on April 8, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed.

As is apparent from said Search Report, applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This petition is accompanied by the petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

In view of the above, applicants request that this petition be granted and that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
Attorneys for Applicants

By:


William S. Frommer
Reg. No. 25,506
Tel. (212) 588-0800